THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 9089

ISHIDA et al.

Art Unit: 1742

Application No.: 09/673,235

Examiner: Ip, Sikyin

Filed: December 1, 2000

Attorney Dkt. No.: 100725-00017

For: SPRING WITH EXCELLENT FATIGUE ENDURANCE PROPERTY

AND SURFACE TREATMENT METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SPRING

RESPONSE TO QUAYLE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: December 11, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 19, 2003, applicants request that the above identified application be amended as shown below.

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